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No. 17-7035 (consolidated with No. 17-7039)

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**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT**

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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TESTING AND MATERIALS;  
NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, INC.; AND  
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING, REFRIGERATING, AND AIR  
CONDITIONING ENGINEERS, INC.,  
*Plaintiffs-Appellees,*

v.

PUBLIC.RESOURCE.ORG, INC.,  
*Defendant-Appellant.*

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On Appeal from the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia  
(Honorable Tanya S. Chutkan)

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**REPRESENTATION BY PUBLIC CITIZEN, INC., CENTER FOR  
SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, CONSUMERS UNION,  
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT LAW PROJECT, AND U.S. PUBLIC  
INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP, INC., OF CONSENT TO FILE BRIEF AS  
AMICI CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT-APPELLANT AND  
REVERSAL**

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## **CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Amici Public Citizen, Inc., Center for Science in the Public Interest, Consumers Union, National Employment Law Project, and United States Public Interest Research Group, Inc., are non-profit organizations. They have no parent corporations and no publicly traded company has an ownership interest in them. The general purpose of the amici organizations is to advocate for the public interest on a range of issues, including health, safety, and the environment.

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## **REPRESENTATION OF CONSENT TO FILE BRIEF AS AMICI CURIAE**

Pursuant to Circuit Rule 29(b), Public Citizen, Inc., Center for Science in the Public Interest, Consumers Union, National Employment Law Project, and United States Public Interest Research Group, Inc., hereby provide notice that counsel for all parties have consented to their filing of a brief as amici curiae in support of Defendant-Appellant.

Amici curiae are non-profit organizations that work on a wide range of public policy issues, including health, safety, and the environment. Amici regularly engage in policy analysis, participate in rulemaking proceedings, and advocate for policy solutions, and thus are well qualified to assist the Court in understanding the ways in which restrictions on accessing and disseminating standards incorporated by reference into regulations hinder public participation in democratic processes designed to solve policy problems. More detailed information about each organization is as follows:

**Public Citizen, Inc.**, is a non-profit, consumer-advocacy organization that appears before Congress, administrative agencies, and courts to work for enactment and enforcement of laws protecting consumers, workers, and the general public. On behalf of its members in all fifty states, Public Citizen advocates for strong protections with respect to auto safety, drug and medical device safety, workplace safety, and the environment, among other things, and it has long worked

for openness and integrity in government. Public Citizen petitions federal agencies for rulemaking, comments on proposed regulations issued by federal agencies, and seeks judicial review of rules that are arbitrary, capricious, or otherwise not in accordance with law. Public Citizen often represents consumer interests in litigation, including as amicus curiae in the United States Supreme Court and the federal courts of appeals.

**Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to advocate on behalf of the public on issues of nutrition and health. CSPI's impact has been substantial, including by way of its key role in successful campaigns to: ban artificial trans fats from the food supply; obtain an agreement to ban sugar-sweetened beverages from public schools; obtain voluntary agreements to restrict advertising to children from major food and beverage manufacturers; and prescribe the content and legibility of important nutrition information on product labels. CSPI also represents consumers through litigation that targets false advertising of foods—making it easier for consumers to live nutritious and healthy lifestyles—and brings litigation against federal agencies on issues of unlawful regulatory action or inaction. CSPI frequently reviews and submits detailed expert comments on pending rules and guidance developed by agencies, including rules or guidance that reference or fully incorporate standards developed by third parties.

**Consumers Union** is the policy and mobilization arm of Consumer Reports. Consumers Union is an expert, independent, non-profit organization whose mission is to work for a fair, just, and safe marketplace for all consumers and to empower consumers to protect themselves. It conducts this work in the areas of product safety, food safety, financial services reform, telecommunications reform, health care reform, and other areas. Consumer Reports is the world's largest independent product-testing organization. Using its more than 50 labs, auto test center, and survey research center, the non-profit organization rates thousands of products and services annually. Founded in 1936, Consumer Reports has over 7 million subscribers to its magazine, website, and other publications.

The **National Employment Law Project** (NELP) is a non-profit legal organization with over 45 years of experience advocating for the employment and labor rights of low-wage and unemployed workers. NELP seeks to ensure that all employees, and especially the most vulnerable ones, receive the full protection of labor and employment laws, including health and safety protections. Without clear and publicly-accessible compliance guidance and transparent protection standards, workers and their employers suffer from the uncertainty. NELP has litigated and participated as amicus curiae in numerous circuit, state, and U.S. Supreme Court cases addressing the importance of access to labor and employment protections for all workers.

**United States Public Interest Research Group, Inc.** (U.S. PIRG) is a non-profit advocacy organization that works for consumers and the public interest. Using the time-tested tools of investigative research, media exposés, grassroots organizing, advocacy, and litigation, U.S. PIRG stands up to powerful interests on behalf of the American public and delivers concrete results for the public's health and well-being. U.S. PIRG works on issues involving product safety, public health, campaign finance reform, higher education, tax and budget reform, and consumer protection.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on September 25, 2017, I caused the foregoing to be filed with the Clerk of the Court through the Court's ECF system, which will serve notice of the filing on all filers registered in this case.

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